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HOUSE BILL 19-1130

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT A PERSON HAVE A CERTIFICATION**
102 **FROM THE COLORADO PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND**
103 **TRAINING BOARD IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO SERVE AS THE**
104 **ELECTED SHERIFF OF A COUNTY OF THE STATE.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Current law requires the sheriff of each county to obtain peace officer certification within one year of taking office. The bill modifies this provision to require the sheriff to have a valid certification or

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provisional certification from the Colorado peace officer standards and training board in order to be nominated, elected, or appointed to the office of sheriff.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-10-501.5, **amend**
3 (1)(b) as follows:

4 **30-10-501.5. Qualifications.** (1) No person is eligible for
5 nomination, election, or appointment to the office of sheriff unless the
6 person:

7 (b) Possesses a high school diploma or its equivalent or a college
8 degree AND A VALID CERTIFICATION OR PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATION FROM
9 THE COLORADO PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING BOARD;

10 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-10-501.6, **repeal**
11 (1)(b) as follows:

12 **30-10-501.6. Training.** (1) Every person elected or appointed to
13 the office of sheriff for the first time shall:

14 ~~(b) Obtain basic peace officer certification within one year of~~
15 ~~taking office. An extension may be granted by the Colorado peace~~
16 ~~officers standards and training board of up to one year to obtain such~~
17 ~~certification upon just cause shown. The Colorado peace officers~~
18 ~~standards and training board shall issue written findings of fact~~
19 ~~supporting such an extension.~~

20 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date -**
21 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following
22 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the
23 general assembly (August 2, 2019, if adjournment sine die is on May 3,
24 2019); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1

1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section,
2 or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part
3 will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election
4 to be held in November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the
5 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

6 (2) This act applies to a person nominated, elected, or appointed
7 to the office of sheriff on or after the applicable effective date of this act.